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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 0129

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: LE SY PINT
SUBJ: CODEL FINLEY CONVERSATION WITH PLO LEADER ARAFAT

REF: (A) BEIRUT 0046 (NOTAL), (B) DAMASCUS 0059 (NOTAL)

1. PAMELA DE MAIGRET, WHO ATTENDED DAMASCUS MEETING JANUARY 5 BETWEEN CONGRESSMEMBERS PAUL FINLEY, LEO RYAN, HELEN MEYNER, LARRY WINN ON ONE HAND AND PLO CHAIRMAN YASIR ARAFAT, FAROUK KADDOUMI, HEAD OF POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, BASEL AQL, POLITICAL ADVISOR TO ARAFAT, AND ABU MAHER, HEAD OF FATEH MILITARY DEPARTMENT (IN WHOSE HOME MEETING WAS HELD), MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS IN DISCUSSION WITH PAO:

2. IN HER DAILY CONTACTS WITH ARAFAT, KADDOUMI AND AQL, DE MAIGRET GAINED DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT ARAFAT
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HAS TO WATCH HIS STEP VERY CAREFULLY VIS-A-VIS EXTREMIST ELEMENTS WITHIN PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, HE AGONIZED AT LENGTH OVER FINAL WORDING OF STATEMENT HE HAD MADE AT LUNCH WITH CODEL AND WHICH IS TO BE TRANSMITTED TO PRESIDENT CARTER BY CONGRESSMAN FINLEY. AFTER EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION WITH KADDOUMI AND AQL IN BEIRUT, HE DECIDED TO DELETE FROM HIS ORIGINAL STATEMENT

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(SEPTEL) SUCH ADJECTIVES AS "PROMISING" AND "VERY WELCOME" IN REFERRING TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S ASWAN STATEMENT AFTER MEETING WITH SADAT.

3. DE MAIGRET ALSO MADE POINT THAT ARAFAT AND HIS ASSOCIATES WERE "REALLY SHAKEN" BY ASSASSINATION OF PLO REPRESENTATIVE SAID HAMAMI IN LONDON. ALL OF THEM, INCLUDING ARAFAT, TALKED FREELY ABOUT HOW MURDER WAS ENGINEERED IN BAGHDAD AND VOWED IT WOULD NOT GO UNAVENGED. SHE WAS TOLD: "THIS IS KIND OF RISK WE FACE BY TAKING MODERATE POSITIONS AND THIS IS WHY WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL."

4. DE MAIGRET WAS ALSO TOLD THAT PLO WOULD HAVE TO DEAL A LOT MORE SEVERELY WITH PALESTINIANS ON WEST BANK. SHE WAS MADE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THOSE WHO "BETRAY THE MOVEMENT" WOULD BE ELIMINATED. WHEN SHE PROTESTED THAT "MURDER" DOES NOT SOLVE ANYTHING SHE WAS PROMPTLY CORRECTED: "THESE ARE EXECUTIONS. YOU JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND."
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED WHITE HOUSE

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